

Your application must contain the following items:

- ✓ Your résumé, including current and summer addresses and telephone numbers.
- ✓ Transcripts of all college courses completed to date.
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation from college officials, such as professors, deans, or counselors. Recommenders may not be related to you.
- ✓ An original essay by you, not to exceed 500 words, addressing this topic: "Why I should receive a Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship and what contributions I would make to APHIS, Veterinary Services."
- ✓ If you have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, please submit documentation of service with your scholarship application.

Qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status, or any other nonmerit factor. Veterans' preference will be applied.



### Deadline for Nominations Is March 1

All applications and materials must be post-marked no later than March 1. Students selected will begin receiving scholarship benefits at the start of the fall semester after they agree to the conditions of the scholarship by signing an agreement with the agency.

### Nominations Should Be Addressed to:

Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship  
USDA, APHIS, Human Resources/  
Employment  
4700 River Road, Unit 21  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1230

You may obtain further information about the Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship by calling toll free (800) 762-2738, or in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, (301) 734-6466.



# The Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship Program in Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

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## What Is Veterinary Services?

In protecting the health and marketability of America's animals, veterinarians who work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) practice preventive veterinary medicine on a broad scale, dealing with animal health problems of statewide, regional, national, and international importance. APHIS veterinarians assist livestock and poultry producers in the prevention, control, and eradication of diseases that could otherwise be devastating to the industry as a whole. Agency veterinarians also ensure that animals protected under the Animal Welfare Act receive adequate care and that all licensed animal biological products distributed interstate are pure, safe, potent, and effective.

One of the greatest challenges that APHIS faces is identifying and recruiting a technologically advanced workforce to meet changing needs in a broad array of nontraditional fields that require more specialized training. Epidemiology, computerized disease surveillance, biotechnology, and educational support for producers are only a few of the vital, new areas where APHIS expertise is needed in making significant and exciting contributions to animal health.

The Veterinary Services staff of APHIS is proud to sponsor the Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship Program in veterinary medicine and biomedical sciences. Dr. Saul T. Wilson dedicated his professional career to public veterinary medicine within APHIS and at Tuskegee University since his retirement from Government service. He has made outstanding contributions to the health of the Nation's livestock and poultry industries and the American public through an illustrious Federal career dedicated to programs designed to control and eradicate animal and poultry diseases.

## What Does the Saul T. Wilson Scholarship Program Offer You?

- Up to \$5,000 per year for undergraduate studies and up to \$10,000 per year for graduate studies, for tuition, books, tutors, and laboratory fees.
- Paid employment during summers and school breaks as a Veterinary Student Trainee. Compensation during work periods includes salary payment (ranging from \$9 to \$13/hour in 1999, depending on the student's qualifications), Federal Employees Retirement System coverage, participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (401K), and paid vacation and sick leave. Based on the length of the work periods, compensation may include life and health insurance benefits. The career experience program agreement requires 640 hours of study-related work with APHIS in order to be considered for conversion, without further competition, to a career-conditional appointment with the agency.

APHIS work experience may include veterinary technical assistance work associated with controlling livestock and/or poultry diseases, such as brucellosis, tuberculosis, or pseudorabies. Tasks may include observing and/or performing routine medical procedures, contacting owners to schedule



testing, attaching tags to animals, completing identification records, branding reactor animals, and/or helping supervise the cleaning of infected premises. Laboratory tasks may include conducting routine laboratory tests, logging in samples and tracking test results, and preparing specimens. Animal disease program management and/or animal health information system duties may include information gathering and data collection, document review and literature searches, technical computer assistance, and computer, statistical, or qualitative analysis.

- A job with APHIS after successful completion of the career experience program and graduation with a D.V.M. degree. At APHIS' option, upon graduation the student must become a full-time agency employee for at least 1 calendar year (12 months) for each school year (2 semesters, 3 quarters, or the equivalent) that the student was covered by the Wilson scholarship. If the scholarship recipient refuses to accept an APHIS offer of employment, he or she must reimburse APHIS for all financial assistance received under the Wilson scholarship program. If the recipient fails to serve the entire length of the mandatory APHIS employment period, he or she must reimburse the agency a prorated share of scholarship funds used.



## How To Apply

### Qualifications

Students interested in the Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship should apply directly to USDA/APHIS (check the back of this leaflet for our address).

You must be a United States citizen to apply. You must be enrolled in an accredited college or university within the United States and be registered as a full-time student in good academic standing. Undergraduate student applicants must have completed at least 2 years of a 4-year preveterinary medicine or other biomedical science curriculum. Graduate student applicants must have completed not more than 1 year of study in veterinary medicine.

If you receive a scholarship from APHIS, you must be willing to work for the agency during school breaks (during both summer and holiday periods). Your duty stations will be determined by APHIS.

